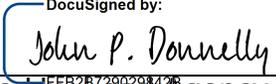


Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 County Clerk (County of): N/A	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090 Attention: Brian Gibson
Project Title: Sans Topo Ranch Conservation Easement	
Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	
Project Location – Specific: APN(s) 024-120-002, 024-120-003, 024-120-006, 024-120-010, 024-130-012, 024-130-013, 024-120-014. 39046 Airline Highway, Paicines, CA. Approximately 35 miles south of Hollister.	
Project Location – City: N/A	
Project Location – County: San Benito	
CEQA Region: N. CA	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Benefits of Project: For the protection and preservation of rangeland environment and its associated grassland, open space created by working landscapes, existing California tiger salamander, vernal pool fairy shrimp, and California Condor populations and regional wildlife and habitat linkages, including oak woodland, oak savanna, and seasonal wetlands. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021139.	
Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB	
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB	
Exempt Status: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 15268): <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type: Sec.15313, Class13 & Sec.15325, Class 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions, State code Number:	
Reasons why this project is exempt: Project involves the acquisition of land for wildlife conservation purposes and the transfer of an ownership interest in land to preserve open space and habitat, including plant or animal habitats.	
Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly	
Area Code/Telephone Extension: (916) 205-4730	
If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, (by this notice) <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Signature: <small>DocuSigned by:</small> 	Title: Executive Director
Date: 11/16/2022	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by Applicant
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code	SCH #: Posted Date: Date Received for Filing at OPR: